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The President as a Practical Man

It is not surprising that the Democrats are creating offices for themselves the statute book. In his first months of office President Wilson did almost nothing to reward the politicians of his party. He gave no attention to patronage and to all appearances be was profoundly indifferent to it as a means of keeping on good terms with his supporters. He let it be understood that of offices. Yet the tariff was to be respoils appetite of the party should be satisfied-otherwise the legislative machinery would not run smoothly. It did run smoothly, to the amazement of everybody who knew how hungry for office the Democrats were.

Prophets who said that the Demo cratic protectionists would rebel in the House and recast the Underwood bill in the Senate to suit themselves were confounded. Nothing of the kind happened. Mr. Wilson's ascendency was complete; he moulded the majority to his purpose; at least such was the popular impression. Nevertheless, a provision in the tariff bill exempted income tax collectors from the civil service rules; a similar liberty was taken with and what was of more sinister currency. In each case the legislation the National Civil Service Reform eague might be construed as a sacrifice of the public interests.

It is true that the President could bidden looting of the public service, but the majority was making a record of performance for his Administration. dear as they were to Mr. Witson's heart at other times, was a small matter by comparison. And then Congress was to blame, not he! Everybody must know how indifferent he was to patron-

Mr. Witson is, withat he is one of the most practical of our public men. So much so that the proprieties would not be outraged if he were accounted a very clever politician, however unconscious he may be of the distinction.

The Protest of the London " Bobbies."

remuneration for the efficient, cour- mains to suffer. teons and obliging public servant that every visitor to London knows the metropolitan policeman to be. His duties gives clear and courteous information to the stranger within his gates who has found himself temporarily lost, and a minute later his authoritative hand has halted "the double tide of charlots" while he esquires an elderly lady safely threefold by the activities of the militants. Small wonder that he finds \$6.50 a week somewhat inadequate recompense for enduring the buffeting of

SYLVIA'S outrageous army. straint and an appreciation of the duties expected of him. Regret was expressed that organized labor hated the police on account of the fact that

patrolman of New York starts his of the transgressor. career in the police force.

The Operatic Supply.

It is not surprising to hear that the 75 been smooth for the Montreal Opera bility, the shoes and carpet of invisi- an entirely different sentiment exists. said to have accomplished its purpose from Fishguard. in a satisfactory manner when only the artistic phase of its achievements is taken into consideration. Whether or not there was created sufficient taste for opera to make the enterprise permanent seems less certain.

It could not, moreover, struggle against the limitations placed on its activity by the ecclesiastical authorities. To have two of the most popular works in the repertory banned by the highest church dignitary is not helpful to the career of an opera company. But the Atchbishop of Montreal did not believe that either "Thais" or "Louise" was snited to the morals of his Province, on the ground that one showed a monk under plainly demoralizing influences, described in the prohibition as "free by attaching riders to every important love." The two popular works were piece of legislation which they put on forbidden, the straw added its unsupportable weight to the camel's already overstrained back and the financial struggles of the organization proved have been too much even for Oscar HAMMERSTEIN.

But there is consolation for other di rectors and managers in the impend the President of the United States ing extension of the operatic repercould not bother with the distribution tory. Chicago is soon to hear "Parsifal." It will be performed there bevised and it was essential that the fore European cities hear the work. There is no more talk of the rape of the Grail since WAGNER's "sacred dedi cational play," as the German phrase has been awkwardly translated, per haps because it could be done in no impresario who cares to give the work. Then there are other classics which have been released from the rigors of copyright by the passage of time.

It is surprising to our public to hear that "Martha" is now accessible without royalties to any German opera house. Who had ever supposed that Florow's opera, always described as "tuneful" when operatic works were still ticketed by press agents, was ever the general deficiency appropriation; forbidden anywhere? It was a mainstay of our opera in the vernacular for the spells system was grafted years. Then "Stradella" may be had feel that this is a consideration which momentous bill to reform the after next week for the asking. It should be decisive. In the past there has seems doubtful to all who witnessed been a tendency in this country to asits revival at the Metropolitan Opera sume that Great Britain must always be the veto to please such organizations House a few years ago that it will be prepared to make concessions and sacrioperas of SMETANA will also be in the ship of the United States. We do not same class.

have put his foot down and sternly for. The Forbidden Chamber of Sulli- countries. van County.

The story of the woman who lay hidden for three years in a little room Britain has acquired "the habit of Tariff revision and currency reform effected in a few short months after inyet nothing in the Arabian Nights o Mrs. RADCLIFFE or "Monk" Lewis; cially in the San Francisco fair. The generally. Is there no way of reforming nothing ever read or heard in fiction truth is that American citizens have this? or fairy tale, has such a face of ingiven little thought to the matter exter past and winding the clocks; and I vention, of improbability, yes, of imcept to agree that it was the British have tried going in about that time, saypudent, impossible fiction.

pages of "best sellers," worst readers, time hospitably hoping that she will there could not be anything like this come to the party. tale of that hidden chamber and woman. The shrewd old lawyer, the en-credit for having some sense of pergaging young book canvasser who came spective, or we shall be more "ofto dispose of a book on Dewey and the fended" by its conception of Americans glories of Mars, and, mature, staid than by the refusal to exhibit. to serve another deity; this is interesting enough, but a part of the same old story, the eternal-romantic or the eternal-erring. Loves of the medieval, Public sentiment in England, we im- passions of the ancient, are common agine, is on the side of the London enough, pathetic in their ridiculousness "babbles" who are expressing dissatist to outsiders. Here was no outsider. faction with their present rate of pay. There were no spectators. There was even though the British taxpayer will no "broken" home for female tongues be required to dig into his pockets to to sympathize with. Death ended and meet their requests. Certainly \$6.50 discovered the story. As usual, the a week seems a very moderate scale of man escapes. It is the woman that re-

The stuff of an elderly country 'Squire' and a petticoated book agent is the same as that of other folks. The are multifarious and his responsibilities incredible, the miracle of Monticello, heavy. At the same time that he di- is that nobody in a village where-unrects a bewildering maze of traffic he less it be different from other villages -every ear is astretch for gossip, every tongue wagging scandalously, every eye and nose glued to the window pane; where except in the Sullivan county summer season every stranger is a curiosity and a suspicion; where the across the street. Recently the respon- primmest kind of external propriety sibilities of this patient and somewhat dwells with an inquisitiveness that LI HUNG CHANG never reached in his the morbid spectators out of the busiest moments; where anything on Women's Night Court this week he did tongue; where the first and greatest of enced judicial officer soon learns to discello is that in it the respectable chère merely because the room offers a comhave been on a par with his ordinary amie of Squire Couch lived behind a fortable lounging place, and those partition in its Masonic Temple, un- whose presence is to be accounted for

that is sure to find. the police were frequently used to decountry stove, the little table where the from clearing his court of such idlers fend the employers of labor, but at the squire and the lady eat the food that by respect for the publicity of judicial same time a warning was uttered to or- he has gone out and bought; we see her proceedings. If he does, and his action ganized labor against entertaining the condemned to silence in the daytime; attracts general attention, he is pretty idea that "the policeman's union would not daring to go to her one window; sure to be attacked for infringing the be a force which the workers can use we feel that her nerves are likely to "right" of the persons he turns out to to fight the master class." Impartial break down under the long regimen of take their filth in the original package, ity, it was stated, and the serving of caution; night is her only time of exit and there are never lacking crackbrains the community as a whole, was the and exercise; we see her slipping back to suggest that he had some ulterior and gilding in, feeling eyes at the back purpose in ridding prisoners and officers If Londoners appreciate when they of her head; we see a little more com- of inspection by those he orders out.

will pay him wages that will remove to have gone; there is a light only in novance by permitting his court to be him further from the temptation to the Squire's windows; the Squire is occupied by men and women who recorruption that, to do him justice, he working late with his law books-and gard it as a place of entertainment. usually resists even as things are. The his love. Well, if she tired at times, No person whose business has taken \$338 which is a London policeman's still there must have been some fun in him to police courts can have failed annual salary compares somewhat un- playing hoodwink your neighbor; and to notice the nuisance that caused favorably with the \$1,000 on which the there are mighty soft places in the way Magistrate Murphy to act, or will have

course of the present season has not diamonds and rubles, the cap of invisi- watch the daily grist of delinquents Company. This is one of the organi- bility are plausible beside this true tale. But who can endure the weak or zations that are seeking to establish We hear BARBAROSSA start up in his victous who treat the miseries of their a public in the smaller cities for per- sleep, and shall not be surprised if King | fellows as tidbits of pleasure? manent operatic performances. It is ARTHUR is a passenger on the next boat

Certain Well Paid Reformers. Having observed officially the motion pictures most recently falling under police condemnation, the National Board of Censorship has upheld the hands of the police and confirmed the judgment of common sense, which when | fore, "on, bacons, on!" their nature was first disclosed pro nounced them unwholesome and improper for general display to mixed audiences. This informed reenforcement should be of considerable assistance to the police when the matter olean. comes before the courts.

Meanwhile the pictures are attracting a large attendance and have turned equivalent in money"? while the other dealt with what was their promoters. The virtuous assertions of these worthies that their proalmost lost in the clink of the quarters nut stuffing to be enjoyed also "on the they take in as their disinterested enterprise in uplift progresses. They too great. Such a privation would have time to contemplate with equanimity the prospect of \$1,500,000 profit, in spite of their devotion to line purity and the public good.

How fortunate these adventurers for general betterment are to find their singleness of purpose and self-confessed righteousness the source of large and honorable profit!

Truckling to America.

That a paper of the standing of the London Morning Post should regard the other the sacks." other form, is now the property of any the San Francisco Panama exhibition as an event likely to warp the relations between Great Britain and the ably in this town, for his night decora-United States is strangely unaccountable. It is almost as provincial a view as the confirmed and inherent notion of a large number of Englishmen that goings on. Uncle SAM is constantly itching for

> an opportunity to annex Canada. A cable despatch yesterday quoted the following extract:

"The point on which the Government's critics lay stress is that the decision against official representation will give offence in the United States. We do not asked for. After the New Year the fices for the sake of preserving the friendbelieve that this habit of truckling to the demands of the United States really has promoted good feeling between the two

Nobody on this side of the water has been conscious of any idea that Great r Great Britain should participate offi-hold to bed late and disrupts things Government's own business to decide In the innumerable series of "trianwhether or not such an outlay of money "Well, good night"; but such things
gular" dramas, within the yellowest
pages of "best sellers," werst readers,
time hospitably hoping that she will the young men go right on talking and

The Morning Post must give us

"Save and Economize."

In his annual report Dr. ALEXANDER MONROE DOCKERY, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, exhorts the brethren in the Post Office to teach the people, is their own interest and to the swelling of postal savings, to "save and economize, A most worthy teaching, even if Mr DOCKERY'S hortation to manufacture "a spontaneous desire to save and economize" be an amusing paradox.

But with what face can the post officials, can any of the Government's hired men, preach saving and economy What is more wasteful and extrava gant than the Government?

When the Post Office is run as a com petent private owner would run it, then it will be time for its exhorters to im plore the rest of the people to "save and

Magistrate Murphy Turns Some

When Magistrate MURPHY ordered the marches of discoverable immorality something that every Magistrate has is a sweet morsel to roll under the often been tempted to do. The experithe commandments is to mind your tinguish those attendants in his court neighbor's business before and more who have legitimate reasons for their than your own; the marvel of Monti- attendance from those who are present known, unheard of, undetected, unsus-only by the desire to satisfy a dispected, caught at last by the Detective gusting appetite and who turn a court

house into a free theatre. We see the little back room, the Usually the Magistrate is restrained are well off they will recognize the jus- fort and gayety even when everybody Ordinarily, therefore, the Magistrate sice of the policeman's complaint and has gone home from the office or ought checks his indignation and avoids an-

any feeling except sympathy with him. But the fates forbid any moral, other It is not hard to tolerate the unhappy reflection than this of the stupendous fellow whose poverty drives him to the unlikelihood of concealment, of a for- warmth of a court room. For those bidden chamber, in a country town, who through the misfortune of their Bluebeard, the Fairy that weeps pearls, friends and kinsmen are compelled to

> Baconians and other explorers grieve that Dr. ORVILLE OWEN, "the irregular and wild Glendower." the "OWEN, OWEN" of the First Part of "Henry has decided to dig no more beneath the bed of the Wye River for manuscripts which "prove" that WILL-IAM WAS FRANCIS. Wye cannot drown the fact that Wye is a Glendower-Owen stream. Where-

The sixteen members of the Commo Council voted that in view of the fact that they receive no salary each should get a turkey or its equivalent in money as Christmas gift at the expense of the tax-payers of the city.—Desvatch from

Such arrogance is awful! What does turkey sell at a pound in O'ean? "Its How many out a most profitable investment for pounds turkey capacity has each of the sixteen councilmen? Is the estimate to be made on the basis of one meal only? All of these questions must duction is the child of an earnest desire be answered categorically in this age of to improve the morals of the town are graft. Are cranberry sauce and chestcity"? Olean may become known as home of the original free lunch councilmen.

GLYNN may now oust OSBORNE .- Head

May we quote a line of advice from King Lear: "Come not between the dragon and his wrath."

Either the Hon, CHAMP CLARK does not care for reelection or Pike county has changed sadly from its old homespun Jeffersonian simplicity. a blush Mr. CLARK tells the House:

"I have two tailors in this city, one

His evening clothes are not accounted for. He must have a third tailor, prob-Three tailors for one Jeffersonian statesman! There was a Pike county. there was an Ozarkian Catonism tha never would pardon such luxurious

tenders on January 15 for the loan \$10,000,000 authorized by Congress

As Cuba has ceased to figure promnently in despatches the presumption is that the Menocal Government is a A law abiding Cuba can get all the money it wants in reason.

To a politician who expected to be in Mr. BRYAN's cabinet in the event of the Nebraskan's election to the Presidency in 1908 the post of Minister to Greece must seem les than his deserts.

INTEMPESTIVE YOUNG MEN. Call on Papa's Daughters Nor Mind Him. Clocks or Midnight.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT

I have tried going in about 11 or quaring "Good evening," and then in about laughing the same as if they had never heard of me.

Understand me. I don't seek to dissuade young men from calling. I want my daughters to have company. like other folks, and to enjoy themselves as all young people should, and I hope to see them all married to fine young men, but I do think that young men callers should go away by half past 10.

Is there not somebody wiser than I who can tell me how to bring this about? New York, December 23.

THE WET LEXICON.

Macbeth and Other Hot Scotch To the Editor of The Sun Sir: Shall bem up again? His spongy officers did with and wassail so convince the surfeited grooms that CHESTER, December 22.

The Dirigo Heating System. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: How did New Hampshire overlook Maine's best synonym alcoholic exaltation? The Maine man, or rather a good many Maine men, get "ho PLAINFIELD, N. J., December 22.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: On the 1sthmus of Panama some years ago the temporarily inebriated was said "to have his pots on," while

the chronic was spoken of as "habitually crapu-LAKE CITT, Minn., December 19.

Albany Gamboliers. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN - Sir: Two expressive ones used here are "pie eyed" and "rus HIGH AND DRY.

Dr. Franklin's Dictionary. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SIL.

ali Benjamin Franklin's "Drunkard's Dictionary," wherein over 250 definitions were alphabetically H. W. PLUMMER. ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 20.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sie: 1 find it difficult to get shoes entirely comfortable, my feet being in one way and another troublesome and my perplexities are increased by what the shoe salesmen tell me. One says I want a wider shoe—a big, easy shoe—to be tied up so and so, another that I should wear a close fitting shoe.

nd he tells me why

BROOKLYN, December 22. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I suggest a resolution to take a cheerful view of things in 1911. Don't look at everything so "blamed" seriously. Many things we think are going to bite us don't even have teeth. Chekarul.

FOOT WEARY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. I have con o that time of life when if I could do as I liked would give my shovel to somebody else and tand on the bank and look on. MIDDLEAGED.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

Is it Correct to Write "The Misses Smith" A Sturdy Evergreen That Used to Be Me or "The Miss Smiths"?

is proper to write "the Miss Smiths"
"the Misses Smith." This is an old old survivors of many strenuous contests with ges-that as a picturesque feature and almost

or "the Misses Smith." This is an old question, but perhaps some new suggestions may help to settle it.

The Smith family is generally and not improperly often called "the Smiths." In classifying the family we say the adult Smiths, Did any one ever hear "the adults Smith". Or "the juvenile Smith" or "the babies Smith"?

We list the Smiths for invitation and survivors of fhany strenuous contests with wind and weather. I suggested then that as a picturesque feature and almost the only existing vegetation thereabout, special pains should be taken to preserve them. Under favorable conditions many of these plants would have attained a more considerable growth.

Within the army reservation at Sandy Hook there are fortunately preserved some very fine specimens of American

Smiths, the juvenile Smiths, the infant of these plants would have attained a Smiths. Did any one ever hear "the adults Smith" or "the babies Smith"?

We list the Smiths for invitation and address "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." But this holly, some well formed and from six to is simply an elision. It means Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith. We want also to invite a well worth seeing.

The holly is very attractive as an everis simply an ension.

In and Mrs. Smith. We want also to invite and Mrs. Smith. We want also to invite also the Smith," and we want to invite also the younger daughter, who is Miss Mary smith. The title "Miss Smith" is every-sects. It grows in many parts of the Smith. The title "Miss Smith" is every-sects. It grows in many parts of the world and maintains everywhere in Enrops. Asia and in our own country that the section of the section o

expression. The City Directory shows how many Dr. Smiths there are. It would be very surprising if some one were to ask how many "Doctors Smith" there are. It would be more surprising if the young men of the Smith family received an invitation addressed to "the Misters Smith." Doubtless Christmas brings some presents Doubtless Christmas brings some present "the Smith babies," but not to the and Miss Mary are Smith misses, but they are not the Misses Smith.

they are not the Misses Smith.

The truth is neither "the Misses Smith" nor "the Miss Smiths" is polite or proper. In conversation no one ever refers to the young ladies of the Smith family otherwise the smith than as the Miss Smiths. it would be proper here to offer an apology to Miss Smith and Miss Mary for this free use of their names.

MONTGOMERY WRIGHT. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.

"FOREVER IN THE WAY." The Abiding Superfluousness of Foot Passengers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities" it is corded that in Paris in about 1789 ustom of hard driving endangered and now, producing something like a glut. common wretches were left to get out of is de-

and an inhuman abandonment of consideration not easy to be understood in these days (this was written in 1859), the carriage dashed through the streets and swept round corners. • At the carriage unshed and swept round corners. last, swooping at a street corner by fountain, one of the wheels came to ckening little jolt, and there was loud cry from a number of voices, and the horses reared and plunged. "But for the latter inconvenience the carriage probably would not have stopped:

carriages were often known to drive on and leave their wounded behind. * • • "What has gone wrong?" said Monsieur, What has gone wrong calmy looking out.
"A tall man in a nightcap had caught up a bundle from among the feet of the horses, and had hald it on the basement the fountain, and was down in the five fountain, and was down in the

'Pardon, Monsieur the Marquis,' said

'Killed!' shricked the tall man, in public d desperation. Dead? and again, purposely the a most unearthly cry. Dead? average if the Marquis took out his purse. step from

"It is extraordinary to me, said he, that you people cannot take care of yourselves and your children. One or

Mr. Dawson's Oxford.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU should like to say that "B. A Mr. Dawson mentions Carfax as "a thoroughfare." The meeting of the four streets, High, Queens, St. Aldates and St. Giles, has always been called Carfax from an old monument of that name which formerly stood at the cross centre but was removed some years ago to Squire Harsowit's Park at unehan (on the Thames) to make more room for the traffic

Also Mr. Dawson is quite correct about the castle, as in driving up to Carfax from the station it can be seen (or rather what remains of it) on the right, outside which, on the rising hillock, in olden days, all executions used to take place.

As I was born, educated and lived in Oxford until a few years ago, I think I may be right; also on the walls of my sitting room here in New York are numbers of views of the places mentioned. ALMA MATER. NEW YORK, December 23,

Gold and Brass.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: I disagree with your correspondent who suggests that Dollar Bill "hock" his Leesburg golden key. Let him sell it, and imitation of it in brass, as more appropriate. NEW YORK, December 23.

Singular Motto of a Trustee. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Th following was quoted by a now deceased trustee and executor for large estates: "A successful evasion of the law is a practical compliance therewith."

EDWIN BARRY WILLCOX.

NEW YORK, December 23. Filipino Damnation.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! Which to the least harmful, to sing "Damn, damn, damn the Filipinos," or critically to damn them by giving them their independence? T. C. NEW YORK, December 22.

Their Words to Scorn Are Scattered. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We now have the yearly crop of grewsome forecasts by Mme. Thebes and the rest of the prophets. They had a bad time last year, hardly one of their "dopes" turned out right; and it would be inter-esting if some paper would republish Mme. Thebes's forecasts of 1913 and see how silly are WILLIAM GILL

Hope at Last for the Consumers of Eggs. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A. Layman who is a layman in a parish in southern Ohio, raises chickens and he makes his hens lay by feeding them flaxseed and running 'em up hill PERRY LUKENS.

SPRINGBORO, Ohlo. December 22. Credit to Whom Credit.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In Bermuda there is a sign, "N. Lusher and Sun, photogra-Pirst time I ever saw a photographer give redit to his silent partner. LETO. NEW YORK, December 23.

> Reciprocity. From the Pitishurg Post

The king was in his counting house, count-ing up his money; The queen was in the parlor knitting some-thing funny.

The queen was in the parlor knitting.

The queen was in the parlor knitting formy.

The king collected all his coin to buy the denial of the queen a present;

She made a ten cent gift for him. and everything was pleasant.

THE HOLLY.

cial discussion in Washington of recently revived social questions has provoked inquiry all along the social line, and it has been asked through the public prints.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The holly (liex) in the locality described by a writer in The Sunday Sun is undoubtedly native, "to the manner born." I saw some been asked through the public prints if years ago some of these same trees, it is proper to write "the Miss Smiths" stunted, stubby and twisted, yet sturdy,

younger daughter, who is Miss Mary free from the action of pestiferous insemith. The title "Miss Smith" is every-sects. It grows in many parts of the where a social distinction of seniority, world and maintains everywhere in Europe, Asia and in our own country hereabout—in the South and North as far as Massachusetts, a strong family resemblance—so that the hollies of Long Miss Smith is deprived of her social distinction. In the science of social usage we have attempted the impossible feat of making Miss Mary as old as her elder sister.

Sometimes Miss Mary may not care to be rated as old as her elder sister. Why should she be listed as older than she is? Miss Smith has her dignity of seniority, why should not Miss Mary have her charm of youth? The joint invitation saves paper at the cost of detracting from the social distinction of those to whom the social distinction of those to whom many Dr. Smiths there are. It would be ween in many parts of the world and maintains everywhere in Europe, Asia and in our own country hereabout—in the South and North as far as Massachusetts, a strong family resemblance—so that the hollies of Long yount the science of social distinction. Near by there was formerly an extending enous growth of it in the lower counties of New Jersey, Ocean, Monmouth, &c., but it has been mostly destroyed by the rapacious enterprise of some of the Jersey land owners. It can be cultivated with no more than ordinary soil conditions, save that it will not thrive in wet land. It is remarkable that it grows so well in such situations as Fire Island and Sandy Hook. It is a beautiful evergreen, standy Hook. It is a beautiful evergreen, such the social distinction of those to whom the social distinction of the social distinction is recommended.

It was known earlier as the "holy tree," in the lower one were to ask the south and not not one that the h

It was known earlier as the "holy tree." since it seems to have been used quit generally to commemorate Christmas. The German name is "Christdorn." generally to comm

JOHN Y. CULTER. NEW YORK, December 23.

ORANGES.

ting the Florida Fruit. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: An article in to-day's Sun says: "Christmas was about the best in constructive was about the department has ever had. shoppers will be forced to take Florida and again: "More than 90 per the California oranges are navels, or seedless, while the great bulk of the Floridas are seedlings. The pulp of the California orange is much more tender than that of the Florida orange." The term "seedling" denotes, not an orange with seeds, but a tree grown from a seed, as distinguished from trees grown from budded or grafted stock. The Florida oranges now in the market are practically all seedlings. They average better than California's product at any time of the year, but they are cheap because they all have to be marketed

The pulp or "rag" of the California range needs to be tender because there so much of it; the proportion of rag in Florida oranges is very small. Therefore Christmas shoppers are lucky to get the Floridas. Still more lucky are

they that the seedling product, whether seedless or not, is being dumped into New York, because they may be bought now for less than apples bring. And when the late varieties from the budded stock reach the market discrimi-nating buyers will be glad to pay high r prices for them than for any Californias that may then be had, because they are sweeter, juicier and to the educated taste

more tempting in appearance RALPH C. BOSWELL. YONKERS, December 21.

TANGO AND MAXINE. Danced Correctly, They Make for Health, of Battalion John Hows.

Beauty and Grace. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The injuries received fire fig tange, the maxise and the hesitation waltz three medals and recipies are among the most beautiful and grace-ful of all known dances when properly forty-four years in t

'It is a danced. hired professionals who dance in five years in the department public halls often exaggerate the steps through the Brooklyn Theatre purposely to be sensational, and the John's Orphan Asylum fire, c average individual who "picks up" the eran, volunteer fireman and step from observation or acquires it medal of honor from an incompetent teacher has no Mr. Day bear It is extraordinary to me, said he, tryou people cannot take care of knowledge of the correct steps nor of and Mr. Paller, his assistant, si reselves and your children. One or other of you is forever in the way. Known that qualified teachers in the tango Mr. Paller, which does everythin and the maxive rarely charge loss than

No more healthful and agreeable man-er of exercising the body nor a better the test. In future the filebo ner of exercising the body nor a better way of cultivating grace and beauty of carriage is presented to-day than earning to dance correctly the tange, the

New York, December 23. Dirge for a Departed Myth.

l. ethereal essence Spokesman of th' unvocal soul, Submit thy plastic substance pregnable To the harsh impress of mortal will, That is to say

death Laid hold of one whom oft it jested with

This time no jest, no beck'ning mockery. But summons grim, imperative: In homely phrase, the real goods— And he, Negus Negusti, King of Kings And, so we must believe, the Most High Fake of Fakes, Is gone; that is, has kicked the bucket.

Now wandering in poppied fields of sleep And we are full of grief, yea, very full. For him the melancholy asphodel. For us the amaranth of hope—

A fabled flower, yet sweet to dwell upon

Passed in his checks.

We know not whether he may tread Exploring new found joys of harp and wing. or whether with the heroes of Valhal

He quaffs the foam crowned mead. . Or yet again In Charon's cockle craft he ploughs dark waves of Styx Where classic spooks await with open arms News bringing envoys from the upper world:

Whate'er the ultimate consummation of his We wish him well!

He swims no more in our mean measured gulf of time. But melts his peaceful being in sait seas Of limitless eternity, in space unlocalized, Far, misty realms beyond our planet's ken. Where no form is, nor yet the void prevails But, freed from body walls of life terres

trial. The happy spirits ex-this world commingle. And laws are not, nor living hath a cost, Nor, since there are no corners there, Each corner hath its peace compelling cop To tease good spirits on their homeward

In merry making seasons.

With wafture of mysterious wing. And let him know, inform The Ghost of the Annual Jest That with his ultimate translation Beyond the bounds of sense The light is gone from mundane life. That multitudes innumerable mourn The Finis written to a page most jocula

Forth fare, invisible messenger

That lightened many a dark and dreary Sad pligrims on a continental coast
We gaze and yearn across the sundering

And cry for Menelik.

His all sufficient epitaph:
"He made us laugh, and laugh, and laugh,"
[And in the next day's news we shall look for the denial of the confirmation of the

JOHNSON THANKS MURPHY FOR PLACE

Appreciation of Tammany Leal. er's Aid Expressed by Fire Commissioner.

SILVER A PARTING GIFT

Civilian Employees Contribute to It-Many Promotions and Retirements.

Fire Commissioner Joseph Johnson livered his valedictory to his department resterday afternoon, and to show that was about to go without a whimper to occasion publicly to thank Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany, for his kind

"To Mr. Charles F. Murphy, who as the leader of the Democratic organization unwaveringly urged my appointment both as Deputy Commissioner and as Fire Commissioner," said Mr. Johnson, "I wish to give my sincerest appreciation." That was all, but it got a salvo of hand

claps. Commissioner Johnson's address was not scheduled as a valedictory, although it was generally regarded as such, and came just after he had received as a test monial two tables full of silverware from his civilian associates and his friends out Uniformed men were not allowed to

contribute.
The Commissioner said the gift was The Good Fortune of New Yorkers in Get-ting the Florida Fruit.

a surprise, as he read about it in the papers and he had written out a reply to Dr. H. Archer, who made the presentation. Dr. Archer said that history we show that Joe Johnson's administration

The Commissioner answered that h was glad to hear it, but a lot of credit belonged to many other men-his two deputies, Olvany and Farley, Chief Ke York ever had"; George A. personal staff of stenographers, his auto-mobile driver, Dr. Doyle, who keeps the horses well; Eddie Guerin, who has horses well; Eddie Guerin, who charge of the fire prevention bureau; France, Brophy Brooklyn. Statistician Niflot, Leona Day, chief of the fire alarm telegraph, a his assistant, Mr. Faller; Chief Demarcathe medical staff, and last but not less by any means Chief Tom Lally of Brook of it" for forty-four years.

Calls Men Invaluable.

All of them were invaluable, said the Commissioner, and they the praise, and he wanted his succe wished the successor and his super

next Mayor, all sorts of good luca.
Everybody gave the Commission thusiastic approval when he finish not worry.

means. Some famous smoke cut-to be retired, and each of the thre engineer of steamer

the fire. Mr. Day also showed v \$20 an hour for instructing a class of new wireless system can do wi run from shore without delay

> Medals Presented to Twenty-five Then came the presentation to twenty-five firemen who held military tournament. Lieut.-Co (Peggy) Thurston did this prescause he is not only a military in high power "buff" as well. He firemen they were the feature of and Chief Kenlon pinned the Atter that they made Jerome a honorary officer of the departure of the Market Market November 18 and cause Mr. Slegel is something

which means that he likes to go but better than that, they said helped the firemen always Then came promotions. That thing many women in the au-Stickel became battalion chiefs, e tenants became captains and a more men got their Christmas a Chief Kenlon had been smiling. missioner Johnson sudden smile by ordering him to Johnson suddenly and the audience hearfily approprietely a grip on his coat petalked about wireless and of and then said it wouldn't surprise. and then said it wouldn't said will eatch on its wireless two a latitude 42 north and longitude and make a dash for some his at sea. A marine fire denarti seem foolish, he said, but it wo prise him; other things more had come to pass.

had come to pass.

The chief was very glad to of Sunny Howe and the of not know how soon the h would drop on him, but he w

the men that every one of chance these days and they to anything, and win with go DENISON STILL UNCONFIRMED

Charged With Having Been Repub-Henn, Bull Moose and Democrat Washington, Dec. 23.—The of Winfred T. Denison of New

a Philippines Commissioner lively debate in the executive the Senate this afternon. Sen led a fight against confirmation that Denison had been a Bet Bull Moose and a Democra Denison was formerly Assi States Attorney in New York Stimson. Later he was

Washington as Assistant At As soon as he was appo pines Commissioner he resignation the Philippines before tirmed.

No action was taken to do CLEMENTS IS RENOMINATED.

Confirmed Without Reference WASHINGTON. Inc.

Clements of Georgia was refered ay as a member of the later merce Commission Mr. 1 served twenty-one years as having been appointed first Cleveland in 1892. Program was for ten years a Cong Georgia.

The Senate promptly confirmed

nomination this afternoon w usual reference to committee.